PRODUCT INFORMATION



Bethanechol (chloride)

Item No. 23830

CAS Registry No.: 590-63-6

Formal Name: 2-[(aminocarbonyl)oxy]-N,N,N-trimethyl-1-

propanaminium, monochloride

Synonyms: (±)-Bethanechol, Carbamyl-β-methylcholine,

NSC 30783

MF: $\mathsf{C_7H_{17}N_2O_2} \bullet \mathsf{CI}$

FW: 196.7 **Purity:** ≥95%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

Laboratory Procedures

Bethanechol (chloride) is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the bethanechol (chloride) in the solvent of choice. Bethanechol (chloride) is soluble in the organic solvent DMSO, which should be purged with an inert gas at a concentration of approximately 0.1 mg/ml.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of bethanechol (chloride) can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of bethanechol (chloride) in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Description

Bethanechol is an agonist of muscarinic acetylcholine receptors with IC50 values of 1,837, 25, 631, 317, and 393 μM for M_{1-5} , respectively, in a radioligand binding assay using CHO cells expressing the human receptors. 1 It inhibits M_2 -mediated increases in cyclic AMP induced by isoproterenol (Item No. 15592) in isolated guinea pig small intestine (IC $_{50}$ = 127 μ M). Bethanechol increases basal tone of isolated porcine intravesical ureter (EC $_{50}$ = 4.27 μ M). It also induces fluid secretion in the ileum, duodenum, and jejunum of anesthetized rats when administered at a dose of 60 µg/kg.⁴ Formulations containing bethanechol have been used to increase urination and improve smooth muscle tone in the gastrointestinal tract.

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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